

**CITY OF DEXTER
ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee was called to order at 7:02 pm at 3515 Broad St.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members:

Rich Bellas (Chair) – Present
Willoughby (Vice Chair) – Present
Sanam Aldag (Ex Officio) – Present
Phil Arbour – Present
Lynn Babcock – Absent
Gini Davis – Absent
Jason Fogelson – Present
Beverly Hill – absent
Anna Oostendorp – Present
Andrew Thomas – Absent
Vacancy

Student Representatives:

Connor Koch – Absent
Hannah Olson – Present

Others Present: Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Arbour; Second by Fogelson to approve the minutes from April 5, 2023 with the following amendment(s):

- None

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Aldag; Second by Oostendorp to approve the agenda with the following addition(s):

- None

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

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REPORTS

A. CHAIR

B. STAFF REPORT

Staff provided the following updates to ACH:

- Staff is looking to find an adverse weather plan for ACH to look at for Paint Dexter
- City Council has held their budget work sessions
- ACH fine-tuned a survey to be used for collecting David Zinn Mini Mural feedback

- Individuals contacted City Hall interested in purchasing the temporary sculpture located at the clocktower plaza
 - What prompted the sale?
 - Is there a way we can market them at the end?

C. CITY COUNCIL

Aldag mentioned that City Council has completed its budget work sessions and is excited about the Bicentennial.

D. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Olson mentioned that the Dexter High School Choir is looking for possible volunteer opportunities at ACH events.

E. PROJECT UPDATES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of: Paint Dexter

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee discussed the following related to Paint Dexter:

- Staff provided some updates on Paint Dexter:
 - Over 80 artists have registered
 - Sign-ups for adult workshop have been good
 - Staff plans to contact previous jurors if new jurors do not reach out from juror call with Creative Washtenaw
 - Destination Ann Arbor to cover all musical entertainment
 - Continued website updates
 - Continued social media outreach
 - Finalizing waitlist procedure for Paint Dexter artist registration
 - Provided expanded Quickdraw map
- Fogelson asked a question regarding helping artist when he is in-town
 - Clarifying some “champion” roles for Paint Dexter
 - Will volunteer to do some photography when not assisting judge
 - Asked about any caution needed when taking pictures in Tent Gallery
- Discussed signage for Paint Dexter
 - Signs on tables/yard signs for registration site
- Arbour to get table cloths for inside the Tent Gallery
- Willoughby to follow up with Jolly Pumpkin about sponsor
 - Will also provide contact for someone who may be interested in doing the Wednesday youth workshops
- Bellas to engage Erratic Ale when needed related to artist reception

B. Discussion of: Bicentennial Celebration

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the Bicentennial Celebration:

- Staff provided an update on Bicentennial marketing items and some items to brainstorm
- Willoughby provided an update from the Bicentennial Subcommittee:
 - Friendly events with Ann Arbor since both are celebrating their Bicentennials in 2024
 - Talked with Lions Club about trailer for Memorial Day parade
 - Parade is May 29th
 - Possibly have the Dexter High Choir perform on the wagon?
- Staff presented the idea of doing an online passport versus a physical one
 - Destination Ann Arbor will make the connection and help with getting a possible discount
 - Check-ins could lead to a keepsake

- Weighed pros and cons of physical vs. digital passport
 - Digital passport could offer new avenues of promoting organizations and events
- Bicentennial office hours for people working on the Bicentennial at City Hall during the week
 - What would those hours look like? Possible earlier/later meeting hours?
- Discussed moving KDM play downtown to Monument Park
- Discussed the opening ceremonies
 - How much of a production will it be?
 - Keeping it more historic?
- Aldag asked if the Bicentennial can update City Council once a month through the Council packet

C. Discussion of: 2023 ACH Outreach and Project Timeline

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the ACH

Outreach/Events:

- This item remains on the agenda so that ACH can keep track of upcoming events

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ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS=

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Arbour; Second by Fogelson to adjourn at 9:02pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Tanghe

Assistant to the City Manager